--- "Series of 1881" - TOBACCO - Division Open "A 66" - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- 1/10th pound - lithographed in blue ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - with [LICENSE] in the value panel ---

--- *Without* the imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" **- scanned at 67% scale ---**

John McKay records that 126,900 *lithographed* copies of "1-10th Blue Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). These are the 1/10th pound blue "Canada Customs" 1880-81 strips.

John McKay further reports that 8,000 *lithographed* copies of "1-10 lb. Long Blue (old series) Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the first 'TOBACCO' section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892).These 1881 strips had become *obsolete* by 1888, so these (old series) strips were *control-numbered* copies 'Delivered' to the Area Collectors by BABN between 1886 and 1888.

Finally John McKay lists the Delivery' of another 21,050 *lithographed* copies of "1/10 lb. Blue Ribbon Tobacco" in the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). This final section of the 4th BABN Contract has been reserved for the *obsolete* 1880-81 tobacco strips 'Delivered' by BABN to the Department for disposal in February / March 1888.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	126,900
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	8,000
4th BABN Contract - 2nd section -	21,050
	155,950

The final 'upper-limit' control number on the 1/10th pound blue "Canada Customs" strips - as collected to date

1/10th pound, Division Open - A 66	**036214**
1/10th pound, Montreal Division - M 66	**103491**
	139,705

The catalogue lists the 1/10th pound, blue, Division Open "A 66" CUSTOMS strip as follows:

RP-338 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 66, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-338an - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open - A 66, on ***unwmkd*** vertical mesh wove

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the coarse roulette **RP-338an** - on *unwatermarked* wove paper. Has it simply missed the sheet block watermark? If so it will have a vertical mesh. For now, I doubt its existence.

RP-338n - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 66"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - ***three copies***

--- RP-338 - 1/10th pound - *coarse roulette* - with 4 mm. blue controls - with [LICENSE] in the value panel ---

RP-338 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 66"**, control number **033593**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

RP-338 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, Division Open **"A 66"**, control number **036214**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - stamped **CANCELLED** - a highly suspect strip

033032	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033524	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033537	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033540	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033541	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033560	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033571	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033573	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033581	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033583	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033593★	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033594	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033601	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033615★	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033629	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033679	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033689	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
033783	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034011	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034013	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034039	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034803	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034809★	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034816	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034869	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034888	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034981	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034984	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
034988-90	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
035178	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
035182	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036077	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036095	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036156	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036157	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036174	RP-338 CP	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - a suspect strip
036185	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036186	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036191★	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036194	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036210	RP-338	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
036214★	RP-338 CP	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh, - a suspect strip
036217	RP-338 CP	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh - a suspect strip

The following imperforate strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, As such I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/10th pound, blue, *imperforate*, Division Open **"A 66"**, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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